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Letter dated 6 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to call your attention to a new wave of hostile acts against Israel and Israelis, perpetrated from the Lebanese side of the border and given free rein by the Government of Lebanon. A number of recent Lebanese violations are listed herewith in the annex to the present document. In sum, after the withdrawal of Israeli forces, Lebanon has played host to a wide range of such assaults. Some have targeted unarmed Israelis and even foreign workers in northern farms from across the border, while others have been aimed at Israeli jeeps and convoys, highlighted by intermittent attempts to penetrate or infiltrate the border.

Just yesterday, in the early afternoon, an Israeli soldier near the Phatma Gate was pelted in the skull with stones hurled from the Lebanese side. He suffered serious internal bleeding in the head and is currently hospitalized.

These incidents constitute Lebanese violations of Security Council resolution 425 (1978). The resolution calls not only for the withdrawal of Israeli forces, but also for the restoration of international peace and security and the return of the effective authority of the Lebanese Government in the area. And yet, in violation of these last two provisions, the Government of Lebanon continues to host a series of hostile assaults against the Israeli side of the border from its territory, acting in no way to prevent, restrain or even discourage any such incident. Moreover, Lebanon has thus far failed to deploy its army in the area and to disarm the militia groups, including the terrorist group Hizballah, which participated in some of the attacks.

Israel has withdrawn its forces from Southern Lebanon, in full accordance with resolution 425 — a withdrawal confirmed by the Secretary-General (S/2000/590), whose confirmation was, in turn, endorsed by the Security Council (S/PRST/2000/21). We now call upon the other parties, chiefly the Government of Lebanon, to fulfil their remaining responsibilities under resolution 425. That entails putting an end to these violations of Israeli sovereignty; establishing, at long last, effective Lebanese authority in the area; and acting to bring peace and security to our common border.

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I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its attachment circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ambassador Yehuda **Lancry**
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 6 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Lebanese violations

28 June 2000 — At 1800 hours five individuals from the Lebanese side of the border, two of them armed, hurled objects towards an Israel Defence Forces (IDF) near the Phatma Gate on the Israeli side.

28 June — At 1930 hours the same individuals on the Lebanese side pelted the IDF post with a new barrage of objects a second time.

28 June — At 1954 hours several people from the Lebanese side hurled objects towards an IDF post situated beside the Phatma Gate, then threw building blocks on an IDF vehicle that arrived at the scene.

29 June — At 0935 hours two individuals from the Lebanese side stood next to an IDF post on the Israeli side near the Phatma Gate and began to hurl objects at the post.

29 June — At 1234 hours an individual hurled objects at IDF soldiers stationed at the Phatma Gate.

29 June — At 1416 hours two individuals from the Lebanese side threw objects at an IDF post near the Phatma Gate.

29 June — At 1448 hours a vehicle bearing Hizballah flags drove past the Phatma Gate on the Lebanese side while thrusting objects at IDF soldiers across the border.

29 June — At 1951 hours five people from the Lebanese side of the border threw stones at IDF soldiers stationed at the Phatma Gate.

29 June — At 2031 hours four individuals from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers south of the Phatma Gate.

29 June — At 2042 hours four people from the Lebanese side of the border hurled objects towards the Israeli side of Phatma Gate.

29 June — At 2137 hours 10 people on the Lebanese side of the border at the Phatma Gate threw objects towards the Israeli side.

29 June — At 2230 hours four individuals from the Lebanese side attacked a group of IDF soldiers stationed on the Israeli side of the Phatma Gate with a barrage of stones.

30 June — At 1138 hours two people on the Lebanese side threw objects towards IDF soldiers stationed on the Israeli side of the border in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

30 June — At 1152 hours 40 people on the Lebanese side, some armed, attacked a group of Israeli soldiers with objects hurled over the border just south of the Phatma Gate.

30 June — At 1300 hours two people standing on the Lebanese side threw objects at Thai workers on Israeli farmland adjacent to the Phatma Gate.

30 June — At 1325 hours 25 people standing on the Lebanese side of the border near the Phatma Gate threw stones at an IDF post inside Israeli territory.

30 June — At 1558 hours some 150 people on the Lebanese side of the border threw stones at a civilian car parked on the Israeli side of the border near the Phatma Gate.

Ten minutes later 450 people, some of whom were carrying a Hizballah flag, hurled objects at IDF soldiers stationed at that location.

30 June — At 1603 hours four armed persons wearing unidentifiable uniforms threw objects at IDF soldiers on the Israeli side of the border at B26 (located at approximate map reference (AMR): 177203/278308).

30 June — At 1608 hours, some 80 people from the Lebanese side attacked a group of IDF soldiers with stones thrown in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

30 June — At 1614 hours two people wearing uniforms of an unknown type, one armed and the other carrying a camera, hurled objects at IDF soldiers. The incident took place at AMR: 184033/273552, BP14.

30 June — At 1708 hours four people on the Lebanese side of the border hurled objects at an IDF patrol and at civilian farms located on the Israeli side near the Phatma Gate.

30 June — At 1832 hours objects were hurled from the Lebanese side at IDF soldiers, stationed on the Israeli side of the border, just south of the Phatma Gate.

30 June — At 1915 hours four people from the Lebanese side threw objects at an IDF outpost on the Israeli side near the Phatma Gate.

30 June — At 1925 hours three people from the Lebanese side threw objects at Israeli soldiers on the Israeli side just south of the Phatma Gate.

30 June — At 1925 hours an IDF patrol was attacked with a barrage of objects hurled by five people on the Lebanese side (located at AMR: 202650/296814, B82).

30 June — At 1937 hours 45 people, some armed with slingshots, threw objects at IDF soldiers stationed on the Israeli side just south of the Phatma Gate.

30 June — At 2001 hours five Lebanese civilians hurled objects towards the Metula passage on the Israeli side on the northern border. At the same time three people on the Lebanese side came out of civilian vehicles four metres from the fence line and threw objects towards the border south of the Phatma Gate (located at AMR: 202322/295983).

1 July — At 0229 hours six individuals on the Lebanese side threw objects at IDF posts in the Metula passage in northern Israel.

1 July — At 1128 hours an IDF patrol car was barraged with stones (at about the point AMR: 201979/295747) from the Lebanese side of the border. At the same time, some six people threw objects into the Israeli side (in the area between AMRs: 202322/295983 and 201979/295747).

1 July — At 1252 hours 15 people on the Lebanese side of the border hurled objects towards IDF soldiers at the Phatma Gate.

1 July — At 1511 hours some 15 individuals from the Lebanese side threw objects at IDF post B-84 (located at AMR: 203073/297848).

1 July — At 1533 hours an individual on the Lebanese side pointed a gun at an IDF post across the border in the Metula passage, while three individuals hurled objects at the post.

1 July — At 1747 hours individuals on the Lebanese side threw objects at an IDF post in the Metula passage (B-85) on the Israeli side.

1 July — At 1803 hours several Lebanese civilians hurled objects across the border towards an IDF post in the Metula passage.

1 July — At 1909 hours several individuals from the Lebanese side attacked the light posts of IDF post B-84 in the Phatma Gate with a barrage of stones.

1 July — At 1940 hours eight individuals on the Lebanese side hurled objects at an IDF post in the Metula passage on the Israeli side.

2 July — At 0910 hours five individuals from the Lebanese side of the border attacked an IDF post with heavy objects that resulted in the explosion of a light pillar near the post. Subsequently, 30 additional people arrived at the location on the Lebanese side and continued to hurl dozens of objects at the post in repeated volleys.

2 July — At 0951 hours four uniformed individuals from the Lebanese side carrying Hizballah flags, along with several other individuals, hurled heavy objects at the Israeli side just south of the Phatma Gate.

2 July — At 1106 hours four people from the Lebanese side threw objects at an IDF observation point south of the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 0935 hours two individuals from the Lebanese side threw objects at an IDF observation point 400 metres south of the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1015 hours two people on the Lebanese side hurled objects at an IDF observation point (B-85) near the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1054 hours 10 people pelted an IDF observation post located at Phatma Gate with a barrage of stones.

3 July — At 1114 hours two individuals from the Lebanese side hurled objects at Thai workers farming in land on the Israeli side just south of the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1200 hours three people from the Lebanese side of the border hurled objects at an IDF observation point near the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1425 hours 10 individuals from the Lebanese side attacked an IDF patrol car with stones near the Phatma Gate (B-85).

3 July — At 1540 hours eight individuals attacked an Israel IDF patrol car with stones thrust from the Lebanese side to the Israeli side. The incident took place at a point near the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1600 hours an individual from the Lebanese side threw objects at an IDF observation point (at B-85) adjacent to the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1704 hours a group from the Lebanese side hurled objects across the border resulting in damage to a light pole on the Israeli side of the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1757 hours a group from the Lebanese side hurled a street light pole onto the fence at the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1803 hours three individuals from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers on the Israeli side just south of the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1819 hours a group of IDF soldiers were attacked with stones, thrown by at least two individuals from the Lebanese side, beside the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1912 hours seven individuals from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers at the Phatma Gate. At the same time, seven individuals threw stones at IDF soldiers just south of the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 1920 hours 10 people from the Lebanese side threw objects at IDF soldiers, at a point in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

3 July — At 2003 hours three individuals from the Lebanese side attempted to sabotage the fence at the Phatma Gate (at B-84).

4 July — At 1023 hours five people from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers just south of the Phatma Gate.

4 July — At 1038 hours an Israeli vehicle passing on the south side of the Phatma Gate was attacked with stones thrown from the Lebanese side.

4 July — At 1104 hours IDF soldiers were attacked with objects hurled from the Lebanese side near the Phatma Gate.

4 July — At 1115 hours two individuals from the Lebanese side threw stones at a Thai worker, injuring his leg, on an Israeli farm just south of the Phatma Gate.

4 July — At 1259 hours seven people from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers, in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

4 July — At 1314 hours several IDF soldiers were pelted with stones from the Lebanese side, at a point just south of the Phatma Gate.

4 July — At 1520 hours 30 to 40 people from the Lebanese side attacked IDF soldiers with a barrage of stones thrown across the border near the Phatma Gate.

4 July — At 1818 hours eight individuals from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers just south of the Phatma Gate (at B-84). The incident was filmed by an individual from the Lebanese side.

4 July — At 1942 hours 10 people from the Lebanese side hurled objects at the border fence at B-83 (the point located at AMR: 20295/29747).

4 July — At 2009 hours five individuals from the Lebanese side began throwing objects at IDF soldiers in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate. After 30 minutes United Nations armoured personnel carriers arrived and the throwing stopped. The attacks continued once the carrier left, injuring one IDF soldier on the Israeli side.

5 July — At 0937 hours IDF soldiers at the Phatma Gate were pelted with stones thrown from the Lebanese side.

5 July — At 1210 hours 3 individuals from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers, at a point near the Phatma Gate.

5 July — At 1219 hours IDF soldiers were attacked with stones thrown from the Lebanese side, at a point near the Phatma Gate.

5 July — At 1539 hours 60 individuals from the Lebanese side attacked a group of IDF soldiers just south of the Phatma Gate with a barrage of stones, injuring one person on the Israeli side.